



PARKING: RULES OF THE ROAD— Are you Parking Legally or *Illegally*?



Did you know nearly 2500 parking tickets are issued every year in Bellevue? When parking on the street, keep in mind these parking laws. Have you ever been in a hurry, taking a risk that you won't get caught, and parked in a handicapped zone? That could cost you \$250.00! Additional information on penalties for the following parking violations can be found in Bellevue City Code (BCC) 11.23.040.

Planning to leave your vehicle for awhile?

Bellevue City Code (BCC) 11.23.020 and Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 46.55.085 state that vehicles parked on the same City of Bellevue street for over 24 hours without being moved can be cited.

Is your vehicle too close to a fire hydrant?

Vehicles parked less than 15 feet from a fire hydrant can be fined. (RCW 46.61.570).

Parking in a fire lane?

Parking in a fire lane can result in a \$100 fine. (BCC 23.11.503).

Are you blocking a driveway?

Vehicles parked less than 5 feet from driveways are considered to be blocking them. Vehicle owners can be fined for this offense. (RCW 46.61.570)

Are you too close to a stop sign or crosswalk?

If your vehicle is parked less than 30 feet from a stop sign, or 20 feet from a cross walk, you could be fined. (RCW 46.61.570)

Is your vehicle too far from the curb?

Parking more than 12 inches from the curb can result in a ticket. (RCW 46.61.575)

Is your vehicle facing the wrong way?

Vehicles not facing the direction of travel can be cited. (RCW 46.61.575)

Are you parked on a sidewalk?

Parking partially or fully on the sidewalk is not only a hazard for pedestrians, it is also illegal and can result in a fine. (RCW 46.61.570)

Is your vehicle blocking a travel lane?

Vehicles parked over the white painted fogline and into the travel portion of a roadway or bike lane be cited. (RCW 46.61.570)

Selling your vehicle? Parking with for sale sign in vehicle or in such a way as to advertise a business logo placed on a vehicle is not allowed per Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 308.330.436

Any parking signs nearby? Vehicles parked anywhere else where parking is illegal as defined in the Washington State Traffic Code can be ticketed. (BCC 11.23.020 and RCW 46.61.570)

Is your vehicle's registration up-to-date?

Parked vehicles with tabs that have expired for more than 45 days can be towed at the owner's expense. (RCW 46.55.113)

Keep it Neighborly. Clear the Walkway. *It's the Law!*

Help keep the sidewalk clear of vehicles, trash cans, and recycling bins for you and your neighbors:

- Blocked sidewalks increase the likelihood of accidents, especially when vehicles and other obstructions force pedestrians into the street.
- Even partially obstructed sidewalks can be dangerous if they limit sight distance and decrease the room needed to squeeze by.
- Sidewalks can crack from the weight of parked vehicles, leading to expensive repairs. Also, oil leaks make for slippery sidewalks! It is the responsibility of the homeowners to keep sidewalk in front of their home clean and clear.

